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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL SOVIET VISIT TO EGYPT

REF: AMMAN 5698

1. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT BREZHNEV OR ANY OTHER HIGH LEVEL SOVIET VISITOR HAS ARRIVED IN CAIRO OVER WEEKEND, OR IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SHORTLY. LATEST NEWS STORIES IN CAIRO PRESS REPORT THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT CAIRO NEXT SPRING (SEPT 28 AKHBAR, FROM PAPER'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT), AND PUBLISH KOSYGIN'S WARM GREETINGS TO HEGAZI ON OCCASION OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF PREMIERSHIP (ALL PAPERS SEPT 28) --IN OTHER WORDS, ATMOSPHERICS CONTINUE WITH GENERAL BUT MODERATE UPWARD TREND PRIOR TO FAHMY'S FORTH-COMING VISIT TO MOSCOW.

2. WE SEE NO REASON FOR BREZHNEV TO PAY WHAT WOULD BE PANICED, SECRET VISIT TO CAIRO IN ATTEMPT AT DAMAGE LIMITATION OVER EGYPTIAN OCCUPATION OF PERIM ISLAND (WHICH DE BORCHGRAVE FILED AS PERISCOPE ITEM IN NEWSWEEK LAST WEEK), AFTER THE FACT AND WITH VIRTUALLY TRUMPLESS HAND. INSTEAD, WE SEE STORY AS GARBLED VERSION FROM DEBORCHGRAVE OF PRESUMED SOVIET ANGER WITH
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EGYPTIAN POLITICAL MANEUVERING AT BAB EL-MANDEB WITH COLLUSION OF

VARIOUS PENINSULA STATES, INCLUDING PDRY. DEBORCHGRAVE IS
HOT ON SCENT OF STORY INVOLVING VARIOUS
SUPERPOWER--BOTH US AND SOVIET--CONFRONTATION WITH ARAB STATES
OVER MONEY, OIL, AND INFLUENCE AREA, AND IS EASILY CAPABLE OF
OVERSTATEMENT IN HIS ATTEMPTSTO WRING INFORMATION FROM HIGH
LEVEL SOURCES, RIFA'I INCLUDED.
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